

of tax on beer may, upon filing the notice required by § 25.167, pay the reduced rate of tax on beer by semi-monthly return as provided in § 25.164 or by prepayment return as provided in § 25.175. Payment of reduced rate of tax on beer by return, Form 5000.24, may commence with any tax return filed during a calendar year and will continue until the brewer has taxpaid 60,000 barrels of beer at the lower rate of tax, or taxpaid the number of barrels of beer apportioned under § 25.167(b)(3) for that calendar year.

(b) *By claim for refund of tax.* A brewer, eligible to pay the reduced rate of tax on beer during a calendar year, but who has not paid the reduced rate of tax by return during that year, may file a claim, Form 2635, (5620.8) for refund of tax excessively paid on beer during that year. Claims for refund of tax will be filed as provided in § 25.285.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1333, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5051))

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§ 25.167 Notice of brewer to pay reduced rate of tax.

(a) *Requirement to file notice.* Every brewer who desires to pay the reduced rate of tax on beer authorized by 26 U.S.C. 5051(a)(2) by tax return, Form 5000.24, shall prepare a notice containing the information required by paragraph (b) of this section. The brewer shall file this notice with the regional director (compliance) for the first return period (or prepayment return) during which the brewer pays tax on beer at the reduced rate. The brewer shall file the notice each year in which payment of the reduced rate of tax on beer is made by return.

(b) *Information to be furnished.* Each notice described in paragraph (a) of this section will contain the following information:

(1) A statement that the brewer will not or is not likely to produce more than 2,000,000 barrels of beer in the calendar year for which the notice is filed.

(2) A statement that the brewer is not a member of a controlled group of brewers, or if the brewer is a member of a controlled group of brewers, a statement that the controlled group

will not or is not likely to produce more than 2,000,000 barrels of beer in the calendar year for which the notice is filed.

(3) If the brewer operates more than one brewery, a statement of the locations of all the breweries and a statement of how the 60,000 barrel limitation for the reduced rate of tax will be apportioned among the breweries. If the brewer is a member of a controlled group of brewers, a statement of the names and locations of all other brewers in the group and a statement of how the 60,000 barrels limitation will be apportioned among the brewers in the group.

(c) *Perjury statement.* Each notice described in this section will be executed by the brewer under penalties of perjury as defined in § 25.11.

(Act of Aug. 16, 1954, 68A Stat. 749, as amended (26 U.S.C. 6065); sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1390, as amended, 1395, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5415, 5555))

§ 25.168 Employer identification number.

The employer identification number (defined at 26 CFR 301.7701-12) of the taxpayer who has been assigned the number will be shown on each return on Form 5000.24, filed under this part. Failure of the taxpayer to include the employer identification number on Form 5000.24 may result in imposition of the penalty specified in § 70.113 of this chapter. A brewer shall apply for an employer identification number on IRS Form SS-4 as provided in §§ 25.122 and 25.123.

(Pub. L. 87-397, 75 Stat. 828, as amended (26 U.S.C. 6109, 6676))

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PREPAYMENT OF TAX

§ 25.173 Brewer in default.

(a) When a remittance in payment of taxes on beer is not paid upon presentment of check or money order tendered, or when the brewer is otherwise in default in payment of tax under § 25.164, beer may not be removed for consumption or sale or taken from the brewery for consumption or sale until the tax has been prepaid as provided in